BRANCH 5

To the ends of the Earth

In this branch, children explore how the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, gave courage to the disciples and how the Church began. The Good News of Jesus is shared with the world.

What will children learn?

HEAR

We listen to stories from the Bible.

We hear about the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and how the disciples shared the Good News of Jesus.

Scripture the children hear:

- The coming of the Holy Spirit – Acts 2:1-11
- Peter's first speech – Acts 2:14-41
- Ananias and Sapphira – Acts 4:32-35
- The conversion of Paul – Acts 9:1-9
- The Great Commission – Matthew 28:16-20

We will think about how these stories show us who Jesus is.

BELIEVE

We learn what the Church teaches.

- The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and gave the disciples courage to speak and share the Good News.
- The Church began with the disciples and grows when we share our faith.
- Jesus calls us to be His disciples and to make disciples of all nations.

We will think about how this helps us in our lives today.

CELEBRATE

We celebrate our faith.

- We celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Church.
- We celebrate in the Sacraments, especially Baptism and Confirmation.
- We celebrate with signs and symbols – fire, dove, wind, and the colour red.

We will think about how these celebrations help us grow closer to Jesus.

LIVE

We try to live like Jesus every day.

- We share the Good News with our words and actions.
- We look for ways to help others in need.
- We are peacemakers in our world.
- We use our gifts to build God's Kingdom in our communities.

We will think about how we can be more like Jesus in the world.

Through Pentecost to the World, we grow in faith, hope and love.

★ Our Learning Journey Through the School ★

As children grow, their understanding deepens.
Here is what your child will learn at each stage of their journey.

EYFS

The Holy Spirit Comes

- We hear how the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost with wind and fire.
- We learn that the disciples were filled with courage.
- We hear how they spoke about Jesus to everyone.
- We learn that the Church began.

Key question
What happened at Pentecost?

Home connection
Share a story about Pentecost and talk about how we can be brave.

YEARS 1–2

The Church Begins

- We learn about how the disciples shared the Good News.
- We hear about Peter's first speech.
- We learn that the Church grows when people believe in Jesus.
- We learn that we are part of God's family.

Key question
Why did the disciples share the Good News?

Home connection
Talk about ways we can share God's love with others this week.

YEARS 3–4

Called to Follow and Share

- We learn about Paul's conversion and how he became a follower of Jesus.
- We learn that Jesus calls us to use our gifts.
- We hear about the Great Commission – Jesus asks us to make disciples.
- We learn how the Church continues to grow in our world.

Key question
How does Jesus call people to follow Him?

Home connection
Think about the gifts God has given you and how you can use them.

YEARS 5–6

The Church in the World

- We learn how the Church shares the Good News in many different places.
- We learn about missionaries and how they live and share their faith.
- We learn about the fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- We explore how we can be witnesses of Jesus in our world today.

Key question
How can we be witnesses of Jesus in our world?

Home connection
Pray together and look for ways to help and encourage others.

Key words children will explore

Pentecost · Holy Spirit · Disciples · Church · Mission · Love

Our prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with Your love. Help us to share the Good News of Jesus with courage and joy. Amen.